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The CHAINGUN ISLAND zine
A Christmas Miracle
ECLECTIC

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What is this?
Hey, kid.
The craziest ZINE in the Southern Ohio area! This ZINE is chock-full of mind-bending journalism that'll be sure to make the authority figure of your choice's head spin! We got Music, Movies, and Videogames out the wazoo!
That ain't so bad, eh?
Anywho... I'm your eclectic ZJ (Zine Jockey for those uninformed) 8-Track TeckHead, the undead cyborg from Milford.
ENJOY THE SHOW...
<– Odbal

THE BUMB
Issue 17, Silver, Gold, red... GREEN! Merry Christmas, ladies 'n germs! MAN! It's gettin' COLD 'round these parts! If ya tuned into my SUPER SHOW on REDHAWK RADIO a couple Wednesdays ago, you'd remember that I nearly FROZE TO DEATH! The cold does TERRIBLE things to cybernetics. ANYWHO! After all that mess, I went 'n got myself a 'lil early Christmas present, that bein' a SPACE HEATER! Thrift stores this time-o-year are NUTS, I tell ya! Anywho, just like last year; Cassetta, Odbal, Virgil, 'n YER 'S TRULY've got the holidays on our minds BIG TIME! Especially Cassetta, she keeps lookin' at me like she's got some kinda big surprise... I wonder if it's a SUPER special gift? WHO KNOWS?! My B-YOOTIFUL wife's got all KINDS-A surprises aboot her, it really keeps a marriage fresh... or should I say... ECLECTIC? Gah! I'm gettin' sidetracked! I'm gonna be frank, Christmas caught me OFF-GUARD this year! Things've been pretty busy what with the SUPER SHOW 'n all! Take it easy this Christmas season. Sit back on yer recliner, pour up a glass-a-'NOG, 'n let's get FESTIVELY ECLECTIC!
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That's it. Show's over! Thanks for readin' 'n...
KEEP IT ECLECTIC!

TECKHEAD'S SIDE
Cassetta's Flick
Elves - 1989
The Residents - Santa Dog
Good evening, Ladies and Larries. Gee, I sure shot myself in the foot when I looked up "Worst Christmas Movie" on IMDb. Elves... is an absolute mindscrew of a film. It runs the gamut! Bouncing from crime thriller to some kind of borderline-fetish-y creature feature to... Nazis... yeah, it's that kind of movie; all set during Christmas too! I'll give Elves props for being the only horror film to be so bad, so abysmal, so abhorrent, that it doesn't make me laugh, no, it pisses me off. Lord knows how many times I threw up my arms in utter disbelief at what I was witnessing. This wretched piece of analog tape makes absolutely no sense! From the sloppy backstory of a "Nazi super-elf breeding program" to the rule that an Elf must breed with an aryan virgin to produce "the ultimate being", you can probably see why this film confuses and enrages me. I've seen Troma films with more charm than this!
I'd say play this flick for a friend if you wanna prank them, otherwise, don't even bother. There are numerous other Christmastime horror flicks more worthy of your viewing.
Genre: Christmas Horror
Runtime: 89 Minutes
Director and Writer: Jeffrey Mandel

TECKHEAD'S SIDE
Cassetta's Flick
The Residents - Santa Dog
Ahhhh the Residents, now that's one ECLECTIC band! What better time than the YULETIDE season to talk aboot their FIRST EVER release, SANTA DOG! Lemme tell ya, If ya went in expectin' some slightly-off-kilter Christmas jingles, TURN BACK! 'N if yer goin' in expectin' the MIDI-fied, raspy caterwaulin' of the Residents-a today... ALSO TURN BACK! Yes, ladies 'n germs, Santa Dog is a ONE-OF-A-KIND jawn! Now, thing's're a touch confusin' with this since the Residents have a tradition-a remakin' Santa Dog from the ground up every few years-or-so; so for yer sanity (you read the CHAINGUN ISLAND ZINE, do ya even HAVE ANY? I sure don't!), I'm exclusively referrin' to the 1972 release of Santa Dog. Anywho, this short EP is a WILD RIDE from start to finish! Consistin'-a four songs credited to four different aliases, it's chock-full-a atonal bashin', exotic noize, 'n even SAMPLED MUSIC! Ya gotta remember, this is samplin' before Negativland, before HIP-HOP, before ALL-A-THAT! Pretty SICK, eh? The Residents certainly have better cuts in their catalogue, but ya gotta admir Santa Dog is a damn fine GIFT nonetheless!
All-in-all, I give this cantankerous collage
3 OUTTA 5 TECKHEADS!
Genre: Avant-Garde
Country: USA
Label: Ralph Records
Released: 1972

Odbal's Pick
It Won't Be Twisting This Christmas - Father Guido Sarducci
Ho-ho-HO boisengoils! It's time for an Odbal Pick!
This yuletide ditty comes STRRRAIGHT from the FAMED inventor of the Shrinemobile, FATHER GUIDO SARDUCCI! You may know him from that Saturday Night Live show, but PERSONALLY, I remember the time he gave 'ol Rappin' Rodney his last rites! You'd think Father G-to-the-S would be all over Christmas, but alas, boisengoils, he's singin' a lonesome tune. Somethin' aboot how "Her boyfriend's back in town." Sigh, reminds me-a the time when I was seein' this cute little femur... She's fertilizer now... probably at some Christmas tree farm.
A pretty ODD BALL Odbal Pick.
Released: 1980
Genre: Novelty Pop
Country: USA
Label: Warner Bros. Records

TECKHEAD'S GAME CORNER
Daze Before Christmas - Sega Mega Drive
"The Angry Anti-Claus. His fiend from within!"
As stated puh-reviously, Christmas came at me like some kinda ninja wrapped in tree lights! So, I had to think fast aboot what videogame to review! My brain-drive said "Do Die Hard Arcade!" 'n I said "Nah, I did that last year!" 'N then my brain-drive fired back: "That was Die Hard TRILOGY, numbnuts!" I then THWACKED myself with fryin' pan. I HATE it when my brain-drive goes sentient! Anywho, Daze Before Christmas is yer run-of-the-mill platformer where you play as the big man himself, except this time ya got a little secret... you can turn into a DEVIL! Yup, the ANTI-CLAUS! Apart from that... I got nothin' much to say aboot this one... Oh! Shortly after the game's completion, the developers went BANKRUPT! Not exactly the best present, eh?
All-in-all, I give this Yuletide yawn-fest
2 OUTTA 5 TECKHEADS
If I were 'ol Sandy Claws, I wouldn't even bother puttin' this on ANY list! It's too borin'!
Maybe I should've played Die Hard Arcade instead...
Developer: Funcom
Publisher: Sunsoft
Released: 1994